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1. DURING MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SIAD APRIL 12, HE RAISED SUBJECT AND EXPRESSED CONCERN AND REGRET OVER POSSIBILITY OF ANY THREAT TO EMBASSY OR MYSELF. IN RESPONSE HIS QUESTION, I REVIEWED INCIDENTS THAT HAD OCCURRED AND INFORMATION WE HAD RECEIVED OF PRESENCE, ACTIVITIES, AND INTENTIONS OF PALESTINIANS HERE. I EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR SOMALI POLICE COOPERATION AND CONFIDENCE IN THEIR EFFECTIVENESS.

2. PRESIDENT SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO TOLERATE ANY BSO OPERATION IN SOMALIA AND WOULD TAKE VERY VIGOROUS ACTION IF THEY TRIED ANYTHING. THE AL FATAH PEOPLE HAD BEEN WARNED ACCORDINGLY. MOREOVER, "OUR SECURITY IS NOT LOOSE...". "WE ARE WATCHING THEM CLOSELY." HE TOLD ME THEY WOULD TRY TO GET AL FATAH'S OFFICES MOVED FROM THEIR PRESENT PREMISES OPPOSITE THE EMBASSY.

3. I SAID IT WOULD APPEAR ILLOGICAL FOR BSO TO ATTEMPT OPERATION IN SOMALIA, GIVEN LATTER'S SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS. NEVERTHELESS, NIMEIRY HAD ALSO GIVEN AL FATAH EVERY ASSISTANCE AND IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR NOW THAT BSO AND AL FATAH WERE ONE
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4. SIAD REASSURED ME OF HIS GOVERNMENT' S DETERMINATION TO
TAKE ANY AND EVERY MEASURE NECESSARY TO PROTECT MEMBERS OF
AMERICAN EMBASSY AND OUR FAMILIES. HE URGED THAT WE PROMPTLY
PASS ON TO SOMALI POLICE ANY INFORMATION WE RECEIVED RE BSO
THREAT. I ASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE KEEP IN CLOSE
CONTACT WITH POLICE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION.
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